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**RE: Evan Hayes Nomination, Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council
Docket No. EP 526 (Sub-No. 3)**

Surface Transportation Board Members

On behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers (NAWG), I would like to offer my nomination and support for the appointment of Evan Hayes to the Surface Transportation Board Railroad-Shipper Transportation Advisory Council (RSTAC).

NAWG works with its 21 affiliated state associations and many coalition partners on issues as diverse as federal farm policy, environmental regulation, and the future commercialization of biotechnology in wheat by uniting around common goals to benefit the wheat industry at state and national levels.

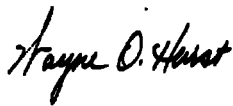
Evan Hayes has a long history of serving the public through both his past work in education as a school teacher, and through his close work with the Idaho Congressional Delegation and Congress. Evan has also passionately helped advise three Governors in transportation and trade issues ranging from intermodal commercial freight and motor carriers, to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Evan is highly knowledgeable in rail shipper issues due to his past work, such as representing US Agriculture on the Executive Board of the Alliance for Rail Competition. Throughout his career, he has shown that he can work with many other shippers and industry partners for common solutions. Evan served under Governor Kempthorne's administration in their effort to bring the Modelo barley malting plant to Idaho. While accomplishing this, Evan worked with Union Pacific and Modelo to establish a rail freight network to deliver the malt to Mexico, and various trucking issues to insure the delivery of barley to the plant. Evan believes there is a need for a balanced relationship between profitable shipping

companies, and the individuals and businesses that bear the cost of shipping by offering reasonable, competitive rates as well as quality service. This mutually beneficial partnership would be prosperous for both individual industries and the economy as a whole. In addition to his community service work, Evan has been a farmer in Caribou County, Idaho for the last three decades, where transportation issues have been both a passion for him and had a direct effect on his own livelihood.

On behalf of the National Association of Wheat Growers, it is with great pleasure that I recommend Evan Hayes for appointment to the RSTAC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Wayne O. Hurst". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

Wayne Hurst

President

Evan W. Hayes

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Education: Graduated Soda Springs High School

BS in Education at Idaho State University

MS in Education at Idaho State University

MS in Educational Administration at Idaho State University

Occupation: 1965-1981 School Teacher / Coach / Athletic Director

1981-Present Farmer in Caribou County, Idaho

Community Service:

President Caribou County Grain Producers

Idaho Grain Producers Executive Board

Idaho Barley Commission

Director National Barley Growers Association

President National Barley Growers Association

Director National Wheat Growers Association

Served on Governor Batt's Idaho Intermodal Commercial Freight Force

Served on Governor Batt's & Kempthorne's NAFTA Advisory Board

Served on Governor Kempthorne's Motor Carrier Advisory Board

Served on Governor Otter's Motor Carrier Advisory Board

Served as an E-Board Member on Alliance for Rail Competition

Representing US Agriculture

Served on Congressman Mike Simpson's Advisory Board

Personal Note:

Transportation issues have been a passion for me throughout my farming career. While serving in agricultural leadership roles I have had the opportunity to work closely with the Idaho Congressional Delegation, Congress and three Idaho Governors spanning three decades.

I had the opportunity to serve on Governor Batt's Intermodal Commercial Freight Taskforce, Governor Batt's and Governor Kempthorne's NAFTA Advisory Board, and to serve on Governor Kempthorne's and Governor Otter's Motor Carrier Advisory Board.

Under Governor Kempthorne's administration I worked with his office to help bring the Modelo barley malting plant to Idaho. While serving in that role I worked closely with Union Pacific and Modelo to establish a rail freight network to deliver the malt to Mexico and various trucking issues to insure the delivery of barley to the plant.

I was privileged to represent agriculture on the Executive Board of the Alliance for Rail Competition. While serving in that position I had the opportunity to work closely with numerous members of Congress and the membership that ARC represented.

I understand that if I am appointed to the RSTAC I will have to be available for a term beginning immediately upon appointment and ending December 31, 2014.

Thank You for your consideration,

Evan W. Hayes